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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION

OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

We hereby request an extension of time for response of three months pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2001. This extension resets the time for response from July 30 to October 30, 2001.

We authorize the charging of eight hundred ninety dollars (\$890.00) and any additional fees and crediting of over payment to our Deposit Account No. 07-1060, and for this purpose, we enclose a duplicate copy of this petition.

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